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Project Name: Miami Beach Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP)

Project Summary: Master planning provides the vision and goals for a City to follow over the short and long term. In 1999, the City of Miami Beach adopted its Municipal Mobility Plan. Since that time, the City had not updated its Transportation Master Plan. The City's first bicycle master plan (Atlantic Greenway Network Master Plan) was adopted in 2007 and had not been updated either. Upon the City Commission's creation of a Transportation Department in April 2014, a priority task was the development of a new Transportation Master Plan, including a Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. The City engaged Gannet Fleming to develop the Miami Beach Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and Atkins/Street Plans Collaborative to develop the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). The TMP/BPMP consultant team collected traffic, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle data throughout the City and compiled all existing transportation/mobility, environmental, and community survey data provided by the City to determine the current modal split and identify opportunities to "move the dial".

A critical component of the TMP/BPMP effort was the establishment of a new mode hierarchy for transportation in the City. The mode hierarchy consisted of pedestrians as the highest priority, transit, bicycles, and freight as the second priority, and private vehicles as the third priority. This modal prioritization was presented by the Administration during a Commission Workshop on Transportation held on March 18, 2015 and was subsequently adopted by City Commission Resolution in July 2015. Miami Beach is the only City in Miami-Dade County and one of only a few cities in the nation that has formally adopted this modal prioritization strategy.

As part of this project, the City has conducted a Commission Workshop on Transportation (March 2015), a Public Meeting (June 2015), and various stakeholder coordination meetings. The Plan has been well-received by both Miami-Dade County Transportation Department and the Florida Department of Transportation. The projects proposed in the Transportation Master Plan project bank are aligned with the Commission-adopted mode hierarchy and are intended to "move the dial" and change the current mode split by reducing vehicular use and increasing transit and pedestrian mode splits in the City. The projects are transformational in nature and include repurposing existing travel lanes for exclusive transit use, new mass transit options, protected or buffered bicycle lanes, shared-use paths, traffic operational improvements, pedestrian priority zones, and other multi-modal best practices to improve the person-trip capacity and level of service of the City's roadway network. The projects in the project bank are prioritized over a 20-year horizon based on established criteria. The Plan also includes policy recommendations, project cost estimates, and potential funding sources. A second and final Commission Workshop on Transportation and Public Meeting will be conducted in December 2015.

Estimated Cost: \$330,000

Timelines: Project is nearing completion and City Commission adoption is anticipated in February 2016, following a final Commission Workshop on Transportation and a Public Meeting in December 2015.